

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Issued: March 13, 2007) Examiner: Lavinder, Jack W.
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For: SLIDE FASTENER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.181 FOR DUPLICATE LETTERS PATENT

Applicant hereby petitions the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 for the issuance of duplicate Letters Patent for the above identified U.S. Patent.

On March 15, 2007, the original Grant of the U.S. Letters Patent was received by the offices of the undersigned firm as shown by the records maintained by our Records Department. The Letters Patent was then routed to the appropriate department for forwarding to our client. The Letters Patent has been lost in our offices and was not forwarded to the client. A diligent search was made for the recovery of the original Grant. To date, we have not been able to locate the original Grant.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Commissioner grant this petition and provide a duplicate copy of the original Grant of the Letters Patent.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(h)) is hereby paid electronically by credit card in the sum of \$130.00. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this petition, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated:

OCT 19 2007

By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. F. Chapman', written over a horizontal line.

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